Austrian Court Customs. In the Austrian court it is contrary to custom for perishable articles to appear twice on the imperial table. The result is large perquisites for the attendants. To one man fall all uncorked bottles, to another the wine left in the glasses, to another the joints, and to still another the game or the sweets. Every morning a sort of market is held in the basement of the palace, where the Viennese come to pur-

chase the remains.-New York Post.

The Famous "Passion Play." Already arrangements are being made by the tourist agents to conduct parties to Oberammergau this year, the famous "Passion Play" having been fixed to commence on April 24. It will last, as usual, till the end of September. Since 1633, with only slight remodeling, this mystery or miracle performance has been performed by village peasants in the Bavarian highlands every ten

Journeys Around the Earth. The time required for a journey around the earth by a man walking day and night, without resting, would be 428 days; an express train, forty days; sound, at a medium temperature, thirty-two and one-half hours; a cannon ball, twenty-one and three-fourths hours: light, a little over one-tenth of a second, and electricity passing over a copper wire, a little under one-tenth

An Engineering Triumph. One of the latest triumphs in the engineering world consists in the construction, shipment by steamer and subsequent transfer to railway transportation of a steamer of 4,200 tons' displacement, which was finally put affoat in Lake Baikal, Siberia, not less

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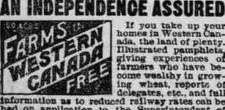
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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

What is Being Done in The Fifty-Sixth General Assembly.

FEBRUARY SIXTH. Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, offered an amendment to the finance bill that nothing in the bill shall interfere with efforts to secure international bimetalism.

Senator Pettus (Ala.) offered another providing that the bill shall not be construed to affect the present legal tender quality of silver dollars.

Senator Chandler offered one in the same line; and Senator Jones (Ark.) gave notice of an amendment providing for an urgency fund of \$50,000,000 in treasury notes.

The Senate passed a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a woman commissioner to represent the United States and the National Society of the Daughters of the Revolution at the unveiling of the statue of Lafayette at Paris.

The committee on Pacific Islands and Puerto Rico reported a bill providing a form of government for Puerto Rico.

The house received an invitation to attend the arms and armor of any private owner funeral services of the late General Lawton on in the country.

The house received an invitation to attend the funeral services of the late General Lawton on Friday afternoon.

The final conference report on the urgency deficiency bill was agreed to.

A bill to appoint a commission to examine into the question of the pollution of the water supply of cities was defeated, 66 to 87. It was aimed at the Chicago drainage canal.

Assaults upon the policy of the administration in the Fhilippines filled much time. Several speeches were made: Mr. Clark (Mo.) spoke two hours.

The Senate committee on foreign relations met to consider the Nicaragua canal treaty. There was some epposition to it yet there is likely to be a favorable report.

The Senate agreed to the conference on the urgent deficiency bill, thus passing the measure. Senator Foraker gave notice of taking up the bill providing a government for Puerto Rico. An agreement was made to give right of way to the financial bill each day.

Senator Penrose (Penn.) introduced a bill extending the pension laws to persons who served in the civil war ene month.

The house resumed consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. The discussion of this bill was closed by Mr. Shaforth (Col.) in a speech in favor of mediation by the United States in the South African war. Debate on the Puerto tariff bill is to commence on the 15th and is limited to one week. The house committee on military affairs acted favorably on the bill to establish a soldiern' home at Johnson City, Tenn., to cost \$250,000.

FEBRUARY EIGHT.

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Senator Penrose presented a resolution requiring the president to detail naval vessels to go to Delagoa Bay to maintain our commercial rights in Portuguese waters.

The Secate committee on Agriculture heard Governor Brady of Alaska on farming opportunities in that territory.

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Senator Depew (N. Y.) read a letter from President Schurman of the Philippine commission contradicting statements in Senator Pettigrew's speech of last week, and criticized Senators who place the word of Aguinaldo above that of Schurman and Admiral Dewey. Senator Pettigrew replied, reiterating statements which he had made.

Senator Penrose introduced a bill authorizing the printing of the proceedings of the G. A. R. encampment as a government document, and for their distribution among the G. A. R. posts.

The house received majority and minority reports on the tariff bill for Puerto Rico.

Mr. McClellan (N. Y.) introduced a bill prodiding for the purchase by the United States, from New York, of the Eric canal, and for its onversion into a ship canal, at a cost of \$15.

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FEBRUARY NINE.

Credentials of John W. Gear were presented,
he having been elected Senator from Iowa for
full term commencing March 4, 1901.
Senator Baker (Kas.) introduced a bill authorizing J. H. Arter and Davis Hill to construct and operate a telephone system in the
Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

A bill was passed to define and regulate proor
in certain pension cases.

A committee substitute was reported for the
bill providing a department of commerce, with
a cabinet officer. Under it the patent office wil
be transferred to the new department.

The Senate passed bills: giving \$200,000 for
public building at Deadwood: \$500 for a monument to mark to site of the Fort Kearner,
massacre: granting to the State of Kausas the
Fort Hays military reservation, of 7,000 acres
The Senate then adjourned to attend the
funeral of General Lawton.

In the house a few bills were passed but there were none of especial interest in the west. The committee on public lands reported favorably on the bill allowing a second homestead to one who has commuted or has lost his homestead without a relinquishment for value.

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FEBRUARY TEN. nes (Ark.) introduced a free silve Senator Jones (Ark.) introduced a free silve substitute for the pending currency bill.

Senator Allen offered a resolution of active sympathy for the Boers. There was not a dozer Senators who had taken their places, and they were careless and the resolution was passed Allen however bowed to the request of the presiding officer that it should be reconsidered and laid over. aid over. Senator Nelson offered an amendment to the

currency bill remitting the organization on mational banks in towns of 4,000 and over with \$25,000 capital.

The Senate in executive session ratified the extradition treaty with Peru, and the Mexical boundary treaty.

At last night's pension session of the hous a number of private pension bills were passe and 35 more of them were favorably acted upo in committee of the whole. There was quorum present. The house held no sessio today.

Library For St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 12.-The board of education decided to submit a proposition to the citizens to vote bonds for \$100,000 to erect a library building. The public schools are so overcrowded that a proposition to vote bonds for \$100,000 to erect another school building was also sanctioned.

American Tract Society.

New York. Feb. 10 .- Behind the appeal of the American Tract society for voluntary subscriptions of \$200,000, with which to liquidate a floating debt that is causing embarrassment is an admission by the officers that its 22 story building on Nassua street, does not pay. The rent has not paid th interest on a mortgage that covers the structure. The society has been in berta, Canada, formerly of Washingexistence for three quarters of a century but Mr. Rand says that the floating debt of \$200,000 now threatens its

Government Majority 213. London, Feb. 8.-The amendment to

the address in reply to the speech from the throne was rejected in the house of commons by the vote of 352 against the amendment to 139 in its favor, thus sustaining the government by a majority of 213. When the division bell rang the Irish members rose in a body and left the house without voting. Several Liberals abstained. The result of the division was greeted by the conservatives with triumphant cheers.

Nicaragua Will Pay.

Washington, Feb. 12.-The small speck of trouble that existed in the re lations between the United States and Nicaragua, owing to the extortion of double duties from American merchants in Bluefields last summer, by General Torres, has been removed. It is understood that the Nicaraguan judiciary to which the matter was submitted, has now reached the conclusion that, in this particular instance, the money should be returned to the merchants.

A True Man.

Coliinsville, Ill., Feb. 10 .- Not far from here a large farm house was completely destroyed by the storm. He and his family escaped. The farmer whose home had been destroyed, while out looking for his livestock, noticed that the track of the railroad was obstructed and hurrying to the west a mile, he flagged No. 14, the fast train due in Indianapolis at 8:20 o'clock. If was not yet daylight and the officers of the road say the train would surely have been wrecked but for the farmer

Sir Noel Paton, her majesty's limner for Scotland since 1865, completed his seventy-eighth year recently. In 1843 Sir Noel was admitted a student at the Royal academy, and in 1850 he became an academician of the Royal Scottish academy. Sir Noel Paton is forty years ago he issued a book of verse, entitled "Poems of a Painter," and in 1867-the year he was knighted--his second volume of poems was issued under the title "Spendthrift." In his house in George square, Edinburgh, not far from the building in which Sir Walter Scott first opened his eyes, Sir Noel Paton, who enjoys goed health, has one of the finest collections of

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elieu liked a different scent in each of the rooms; the Empress Josephine soaked her things in musk; and Napoleon is said to have emptied a whole bottle of eau-de-Cologne over his clothes when he was dressed; Victor Hugo rejoiced in wild flowers; Alexander Dumas loved the flowering myrtle, and Charles Dickens adored white

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I can go ten rods back of my house and count ten residents. I know all of their circumstances. Every one of them have doubled their cultivated land, and doubled their animals, and a great deal more. All of us are com-paratively out of debt and an unusually big crop to thresh and prospects of a fair price, and I expect we are as well contented a lot of people as there is to be found from Florida to the

Klondike. My son bought two pounds of twine to the acre, and when we started to bind some barley we found that instead of taking two pounds to the acre, it was taking nearly five pounds. Then you ought to have seen him hitch up a team and make for town for 100 pounds more. I cannot say how it will thresh. All I can say is that it is well-headed, and takes an enormous amount of

Patti has two wonderful parrots, one of whom talks all day long, and imitates its mistress' trills and staccati in an amazing fashion, and who (believe

me, for I have heard him) can even compose the most elaborate melodies, says a correspondent. The other para poet as well as a painter. Almost rot-Jumbo by name-is an oddity. Patti bought him for \$200 in New York, where he was reputed to be the finest talking parrot alive. Once in her possession he became dumb. In vain they tried to coax him to converse. Months went by until one morning the prima donna woke with a bad sore throat. "Send for the doctor," she cried, "for I have to sing tonight!" The doctor duly arrived. As he entered the room the parrot uttered his first and last words. "Oh! doctor," he exclaimed, in a strong Yankee accent, "I'm so sick!" And since that day, now several years ago, he has not uttered a word.-Baltimore News,

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